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FM SAIC WRWETHERINGTON

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SUBJ: OPERATION PISCO (701-03.1)

ON JANUARY 26, 1978, SAIC WILLIAM R. WETHERINGTON
MET WITH THE NEWLY APPOINTED PERUVIAN INVESTIGATIVE
POLICE GENERALS WHO WILL TAKE COMMAND OF THE NORTHERN
AND SOUTHERN REGIONS OF PERU: REGION ONE AND REGION
THREE. BOTH GENERALS EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN ABOUT
THE NARCOTICS PROBLEM WITHIN THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

THE DISCUSSIONS WERE GENERAL IN MANY RESPECTS,
MOSTLY CONCERNING THE SCOPE AND SERIOUSNESS OF THE
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NARCOTIC PROBLEM AND THE CORRUPTION WHICH IT BREEDS,
EVEN WITHIN THEIR OWN POLICE FORCES. BOTH GENERALS
AGREE THAT THE INVOLVEMENT OF ALL POLICE FORCES IN
PERU IS NECESSARY, AND STATED THAT ONE SINGLE UNIT
CHARGED WITH NARCOTIC ENFORCEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES
CANNOT EFFECTIVELY CONTROL THE NARCOTICS SITUATION IN
PERU.

SPECIFICALLY, THEY ASK THAT DEA PROVIDE THEM WITH INTELLIGENCE CONCERNING THE TRAFFIC WITHIN THEIR AREAS, NAMES OF VIOLATORS, ETC. THEY WERE ASSURED THAT LIMA DEA OFFICE WOULD PROVIDE THEM WITH ALL INTELLIGENCE IN OUR POSSESSION CONCERNING NARCOTIC TRAFFICKING IN THEIR AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY.

TO IMPLEMENT THIS EXCHANGE AND COOPERATION, TWO OFFICERS EACH FROM THE LIMA LCO SPECIAL ACTION UNIT WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THREE AREAS WITHIN THE TWO REGIONS. THE INTELLIGENCE EXCHANGE WILL BE CHANNELLED THROUGH THESE OFFICERS.

THESE OFFICERS WILL OPERATE COVERTLY, ONE AS A CIVILIAN; THE OTHER WILL BE OFFICIALLY TRANSFERRED TO A POLICE UNIT WITHIN THE AREA. THESE OFFICERS WILL GATHER NARCOTIC INTELLIGENCE AND FUNNEL IT BACK TO SAU HEADQUARTERS IN LIMA. THE GENERAL IN CHARGE OF THE REGION WILL BE THE ONLY PERSON WHO WILL BE AWARE OF THE OPERATION.

THROUGH THE SAU CHANNEL, TACTIC/INTELLIGENCE WILL BE PASSED TO THE GENERAL WHO WILL THEN ACT ON THE INFORMATION, UTILIZING POLICE OFFICERS UNDER HIS COMMAND.

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REGION ONE WILL BE COMMANDED BY INSPECTOR MAYOR RODOLFO BALLESTEROS-CUEVA. THIS REGION ENCOMPASSES THE NORTH-WESTERN SECTION OF PERU, INCLUDING THE ECUADORIAN BORDER.

REGION THREE COMMANDER IS INSPECTOR MAYOR ALAYZA-TEJADA. THE REGION ENCOMPASSES THE SOUTHERN SECTION OF PERU, INCLUDING THE CHILIAN AND BOLIVIAN BORDER.

BOTH GENERALS EXPRESS A DESIRE TO MEET AND EXCHANGE INFORMATION WITH DEA REPRESENTATIVES IN ECUADOR, CHILE AND BOLIVIA. TO THIS EXTENT, LCO WITH ENOA CONCURRENCE, WOULD LIKE TO ARRANGE THESE MEETINGS WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. THE MEETINGS WOULD BE HELD IN PERU, NEAR THE BORDER AREA OF EACH COUNTRY. LCO FEELS THAT THIS KIND OF EXCHANGE COULD LEAD TO GREATER REGIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN THE COUNTRIES.

DURING THE DISCUSSION, IT WAS BROUGHT OUT THE NEED FOR MORE TRAINING. LCO COULD NOT AGREE MORE TO THAT NEED. THE GENERALS WERE TOLD THAT TRAINING NEEDS WERE INCLUDED IN THE U.S. MISSION'S OVERALL

NARCOTIC PLAN FOR PERU.

TO THIS EXTENT, LCO WILL APPROACH PIP AND THE GC
AS TO THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT FORMING A JOINT MOBILE
TRAINING TEAM. THIS MOBILE TEAM WOULD TRAVEL THROUGH-
OUT PERU, TRAINING LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL IN NARCOT-
ICS ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.

A SECOND CABLE WILL ADDRESS THE MOBILE TEAM TRAIN-
ING IDEA, OUTLINING WHAT WILL BE NEEDED TO ACTIVATE THE
TEAM.

IN REGARDS TO THE SAU OFFICERS OPERATING IN REGIONS
ONE AND THREE, TWO OTHER CITIES IN PERU ARE TARGETED,
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PUCALLPA AND TINGO MARIA, LOCATED IN REGION FIVE. TWO
OFFICERS EACH WILL BE SENT TO THESE AREAS, IN THE SAME
CAPACITY AS THOSE IN REGIONS ONE AND THREE. THE ONLY
DIFFERENCE IS THAT THESE FOUR OFFICERS WILL REPORT
DIRECTLY TO LIMA SAU HEADQUARTERS UNTIL SIMILAR ARRANGE-
MENTS AS THOSE IN REGION ONE AND THREE CAN BE MADE
WITH THE COMMANDER OF REGION FIVE IN QUITOS.

THE TEN OFFICERS WILL BE IN THEIR AREAS OF
OPERATION ON OR BEFORE FEBRUARY 1, 1978.

THIS OPERATION IS FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE PERUVIAN
INVESTIGATIVE POLICE DIRECTOR GENERAL AND HIS SUB-
DIRECTOR.

AMBASSADOR'S COMMENT: THIS MESSAGE HAS THE
AMBASSADOR'S APPROVAL.

REQUEST HEADQUARTERS ADVISE LCO THE STATUS OF
FUNDING FOR OPERATION PISCO.
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